



# 2016

## MIDLAND PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT ADULT SUMMER BEACH VOLLEYBALL RULES

-Green denotes updates for 2016-

### Eligibility

1. Any member under the age of 14 years shall be required to present their parent's or guardians' written permission before they are eligible to play in the Adult Summer League.

### Leagues

1. Leagues will be determined by Parks and Recreation (P&R) Staff using preference data supplied by the managers.
2. The P&R office will schedule all leagues and will have the final authority thereon.
3. League winners shall be determined by the season total points record. A point will be given for each game a team wins. Each match will consist of three games to 21. In the event of a tie, co-champs will be crowned.
4. League winning teams including co-champs will be awarded t-shirts.

### Fees

1. A team fee will be required for players, coaches, managers, and other members participating in the City of Midland Beach Volleyball League. The fee may vary year to year in accordance with prices.
2. Team entry fee and roster sheets are to be turned in to the Parks and Recreation office or registered online on or before the deadline date set by the Parks and Recreation Office. Teams failing to have a minimum number of players registered by the deadline set by the Parks and Recreation Office may forfeit their first game and subsequent games.
3. Team fees once paid, shall not be refunded once the season has begun. Exception: All fees, paid for a league that is not established may be refunded.

### Contract Requirements

1. A player's signature on the team's roster with the player's membership fee must be on file or registered online with the Department of Parks and Recreation before a player is eligible to play.
2. If a team utilizes a player that is not eligible, the team will forfeit the game(s) in question.
3. A player may be listed on any number of rosters in the same division provided that they are not in the same league.

### Player Conduct

1. If a player is ejected from a game, he shall be suspended for a minimum of one league match.

### Protests

1. If a disagreement cannot be resolved, the court monitor will note the necessary protest information on back of score card then resume play.
2. Team managers must file a written protest with staff at the Parks and Recreation office within 24 hours of the game and it must be accompanied with a \$10.00 deposit. Such fee shall be refundable if the protest committee determines there was substantial basis in fact for the protest. Protests must cover interpretations of the rules or similar mistakes. Judgment plays are not subject to protest.

### Game Times and Forfeit Allowance

1. Forfeit time is game time.

2. Subsequent games shall not start before the regular scheduled game time, nor within five (5) minutes after the completion of the previous game, whichever occurs latest.

#### Postponements and Inclement Weather

1. No games shall be postponed except in case of inclement weather. Games postponed due to inclement weather may be rescheduled within the sole discretion of the Parks and Recreation Office.
2. No decision on postponement will be made until 4:00 p.m.
3. The Parks and Recreation office will notify beach volleyball participants about all cancellations via [www.rainoutline.com](http://www.rainoutline.com).
4. **Lightning.** Unless an advanced lightening detection device is in use, if activity has been suspended due to lightning, the umpire should wait at least 30 minutes after the last lightning flash or sound of thunder prior to resuming activity. Unless an advanced lightning detection device is in use, each time additional lightning is observed or thunder is heard, the minimum 30-minute waiting period should be reset. A clear sky or lack of rainfall are not adequate indicators for resuming play. Unless an advanced lightning detection device is in use, the minimum 30-minute return to play waiting period should not be shortened. Play should not be resumed even after the 30 minute waiting period if any signs of thunderstorm activity remain in the area or if the weather forecast indicates the threat is not over.

#### Referees

1. In recreation leagues, teams will officiate their own matches. A court monitor will be provided. He/she will be responsible for getting the matches started, collecting results and assisting in the operation of the matches.
2. If teams have a disagreement on a call that can not be settled, it shall be a replay.
3. In competitive leagues, the referee will officiate the matches.

#### Equipment

1. All equipment will be supplied by the Midland Parks and Recreation Department.

#### Rules

1. **Amendments.** These rules may be amended at any time.
2. State Volleyball Association rules shall govern all games except:
  - a) Coed rosters shall consist of 6-12 players, 4 on 4 rosters shall consist of 4-8 players, and 2 on 2 rosters shall consist of 2-4 players.
  - b) Team listed first is the home team, home team serves first in first game, visiting team serves first in second game, and visiting team has choice of serve or side in third game.
  - c) All matches will be three games, rally scoring. All three games will be played to 21 points, must win by two points.
1. The service may be made from any point behind the end line between the imaginary extensions of the two side boundary lines. The server may be over the court at the time the ball is contacted for service provided the last contact with the playing surface was behind the end line.
  - a) The ball must be struck cleanly for service.
  - b) During the service effort, stepping on the rope or causing the rope to move before the ball has been contacted for the service is a foot fault.
  - c) Each player must serve in turn in accordance with the service order established during the first round of serves. If a player is found to be serving out of order, the correct order of serve is to be reinstated without loss of points or other penalty.

- d) It is the responsibility of the server to assure that his team and the opposing team is ready for service. A receiving player may stop play if not ready for service provided no attempt has been made by the player to play the ball and in the referee's judgment; such action has not been done repeatedly or as an attempt to gain an advantage. (Note: if a player makes an attempt to play the ball, the player is assumed to have been ready)
- e) You may cross the center line providing you do not interfere with the opponent's ability to play the ball.
- f) Players will officiate their own matches in recreational leagues. If a dispute is not settled by the two teams, the point will be replayed.
- g) Net serves shall be allowed, play will continue provided net contact is entirely within the net antennas.
- h) A player may contact the ball with any part of the body.

## 2. Special Coed Rules (6 Person)

- a) All match play will follow the official coed rule requiring 3 male players and 3 female players alternately on the court. A team will forfeit if it does not have a minimum of 2 men and 2 women. You may not have more men than women on the court at any time.
- b) Net height shall be eight feet (8').
- c) When the ball is played more than once by a team, at least one of the contacts shall be made by a female player.
- d) When only one male player is in the front line at service, one male back line player may be forward of the attack line for the purpose of blocking.

## 3. Special Coed Rules (4 Person)

- a) When the ball is played more than once by a team, at least one of the contacts shall be made by a female player.
- b) All match play will follow the official coed rule requiring 2 male players and 2 female players positioned alternately on the court to begin the game. Once the game has started and the serving order has been established, the serving order must be maintained throughout the game. A team will forfeit if it does not have a minimum of 1 male and 1 female. You may not have more males than females on the court at any time.

## 4. Special 2 on 2 and 4 on 4 rules.

- a) There will be no open-handed tips.
- b) Setting the ball over the net is illegal for all leagues except the following:
  - 4-Woman Tuesday Recreational
  - 4-Player Wednesday Competitive (B)
  - 6-Player Wednesday Recreational (A)
  - 6-Player Wednesday Recreational (B)
  - 4-Player Thursday Recreational
  - 6-Player Thursday Competitive
  - 6-Player Thursday Recreational
- c) Beach digs are legal on hard driven hits.
- d) Players may be positioned anywhere within their court at service, but must be in the same serve rotation.

## Managers

1. Managers will be responsible to and for his team in the volleyball program.

## Situations Not Covered

1. All situations not covered by the above rules shall be decided by the Parks and Recreation office.

## Forfeit Rules

- 1.1 If a team is unable to field a team prior to 5:00 p.m., the Manager shall notify the Parks and Recreation Department in writing and confirm that someone from the Department has received the notice. A Department representative will contact the opposing team's Manager to make the forfeit official.
- 1.2 If neither team has a sufficient number of players present at the game site and available to play, a double forfeit shall be declared.

15. **Responsibilities of Manager.** He will be responsible to and for his team in the softball program.

## 16. Duties of Manager

- 16.1. Register the team.
- 16.2. Confirm players are registered.
- 16.3. Read the Rules.
- 16.4. Register for Rainout Line.
- 16.5. Checking and properly filling out the scorecard.